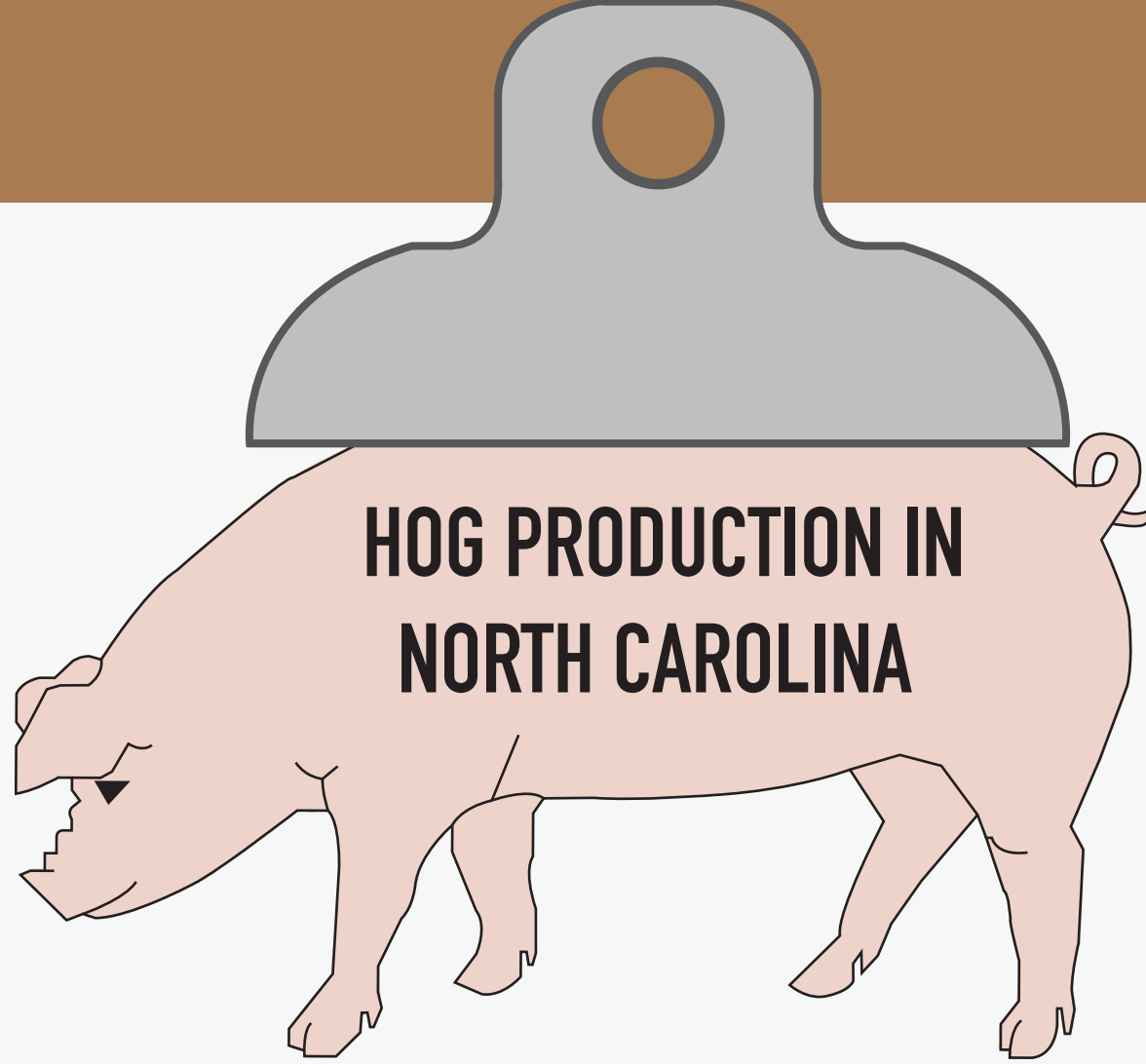
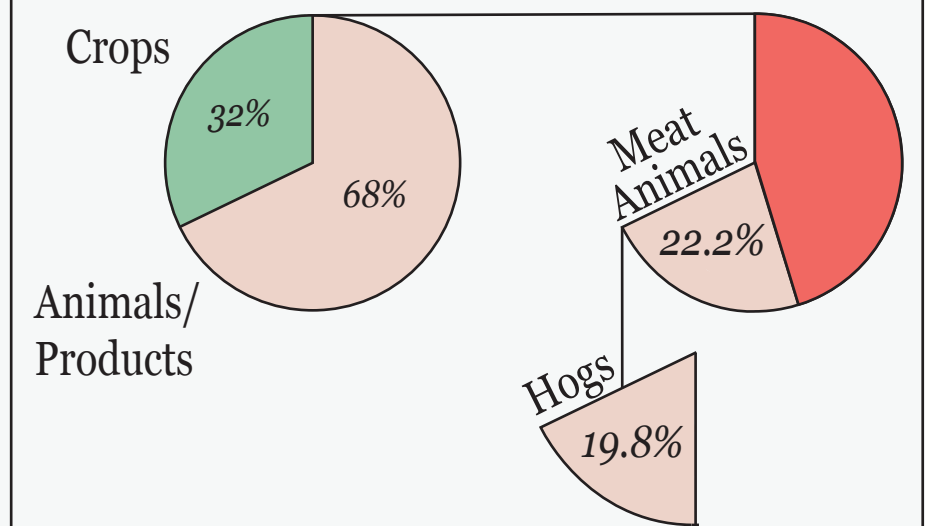


1 in 8 of the 71.5 million hogs in the U.S., or around 9.3 million, reside in N.C. Only Iowa (22.4 million) has more

**As of December 2016*



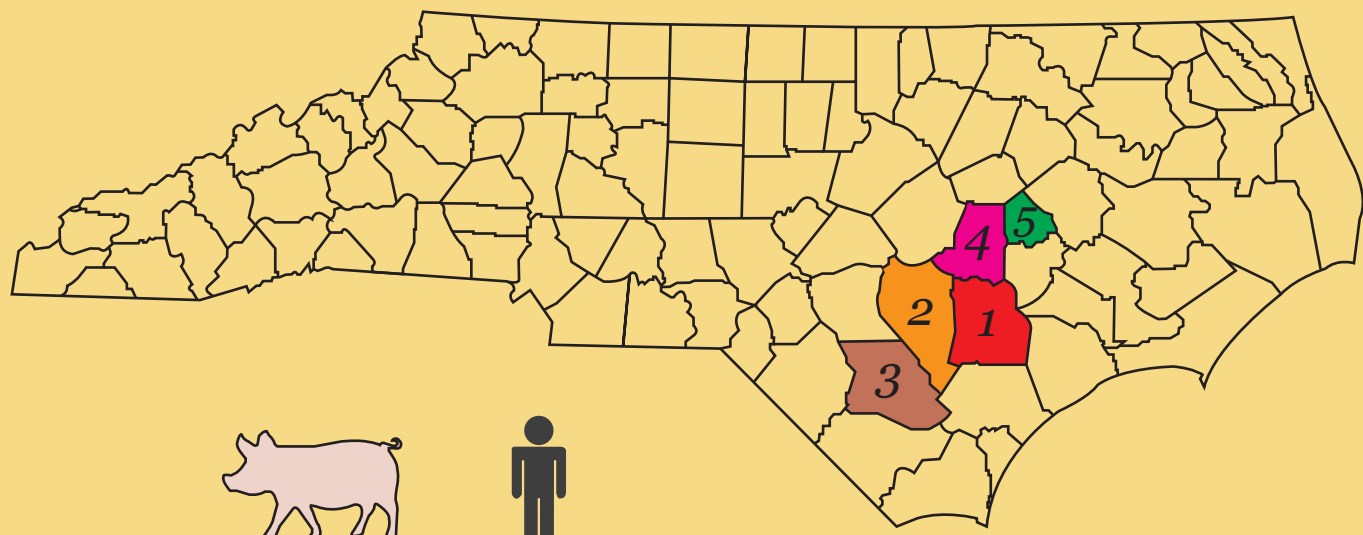
Farming sales totaled \$10,609,202 in 2016. Hogs made up \$2,103,444.



county population

The 5 counties in N.C. with the most hogs have a combined 61% of the state's

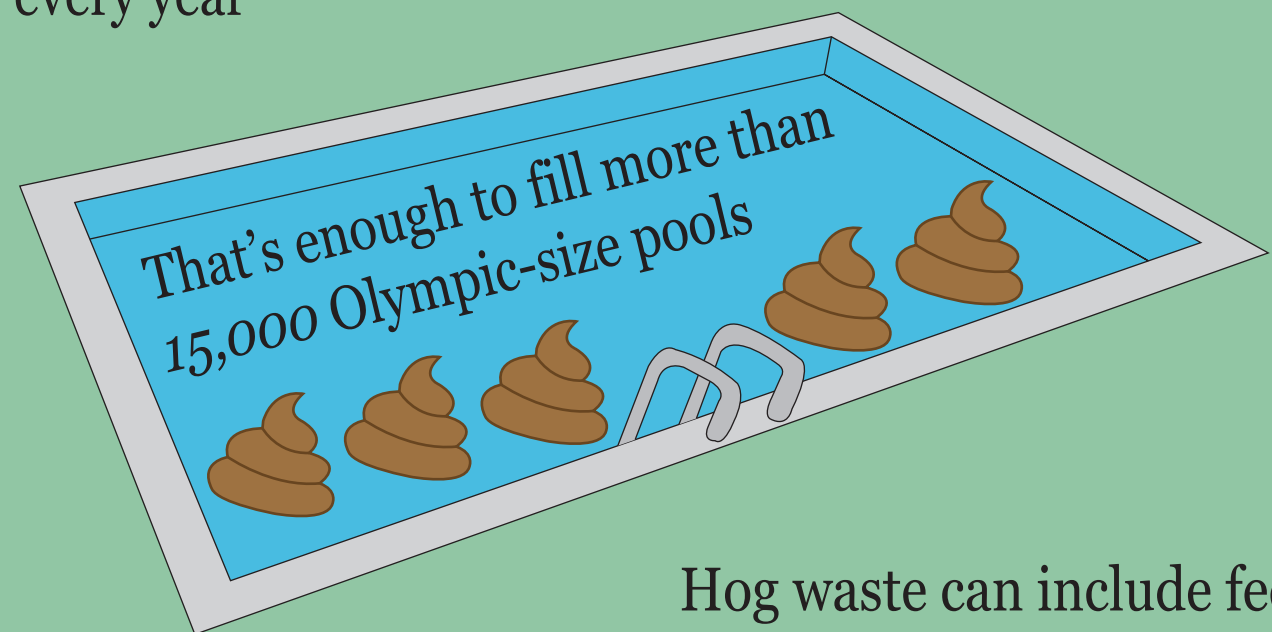
but only 2.93% of the population



1. Duplin	2.05m	59,039	4. Wayne	560K	124,172
2. Sampson	2.01m	63,430	5. Greene	345K	21,015
3. Bladen	740K	33,478			

waste disposal

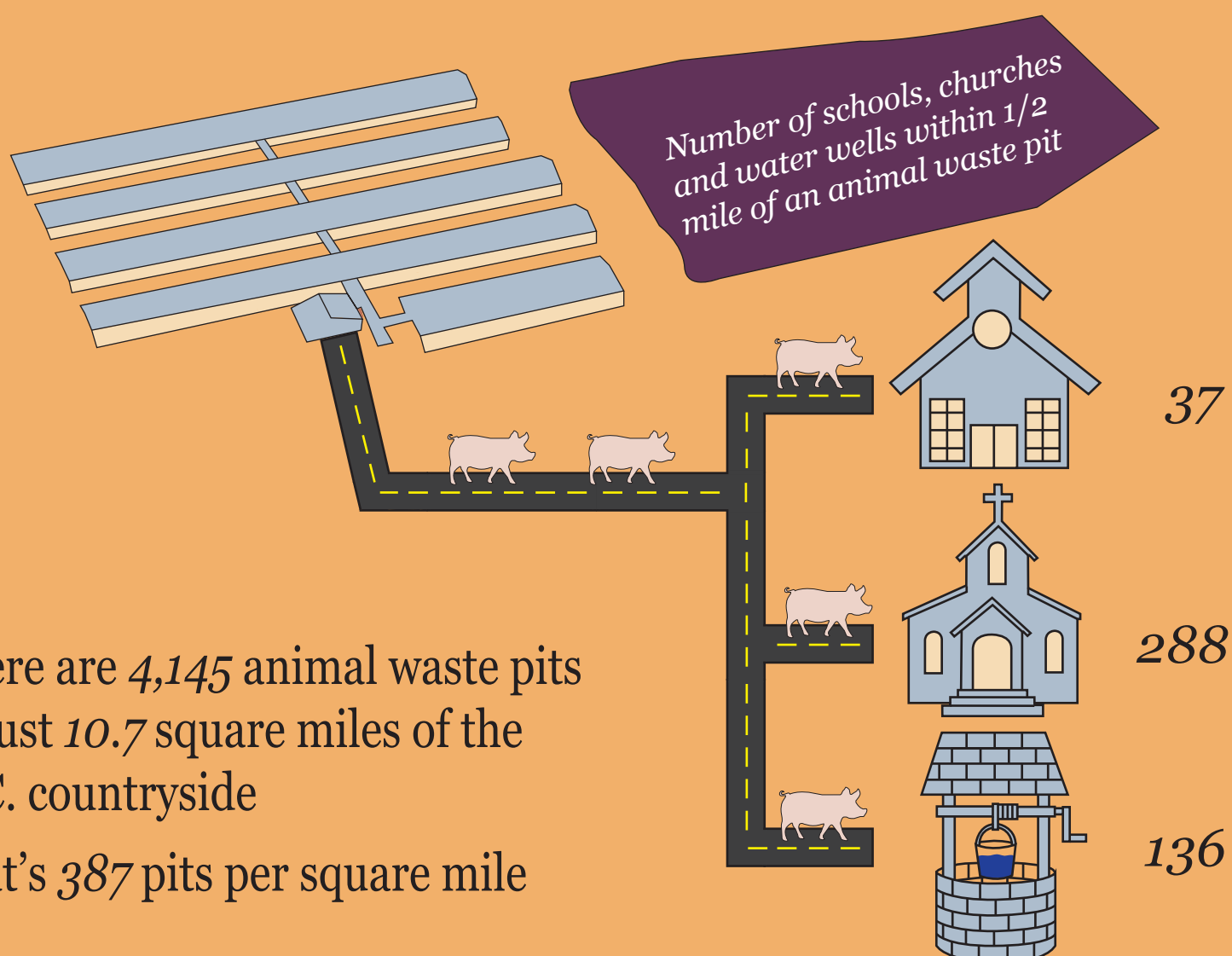
Wet waste, primary from hogs, totals almost 10 billion gallons every year



Hog waste can include feces, urine, blood and excess feed

The waste is disposed of in open (outdoor) pits called lagoons, where water is mixed in to help break the feces down before the waste is sprayed through the air as fertilizer

proximity of animal waste pits



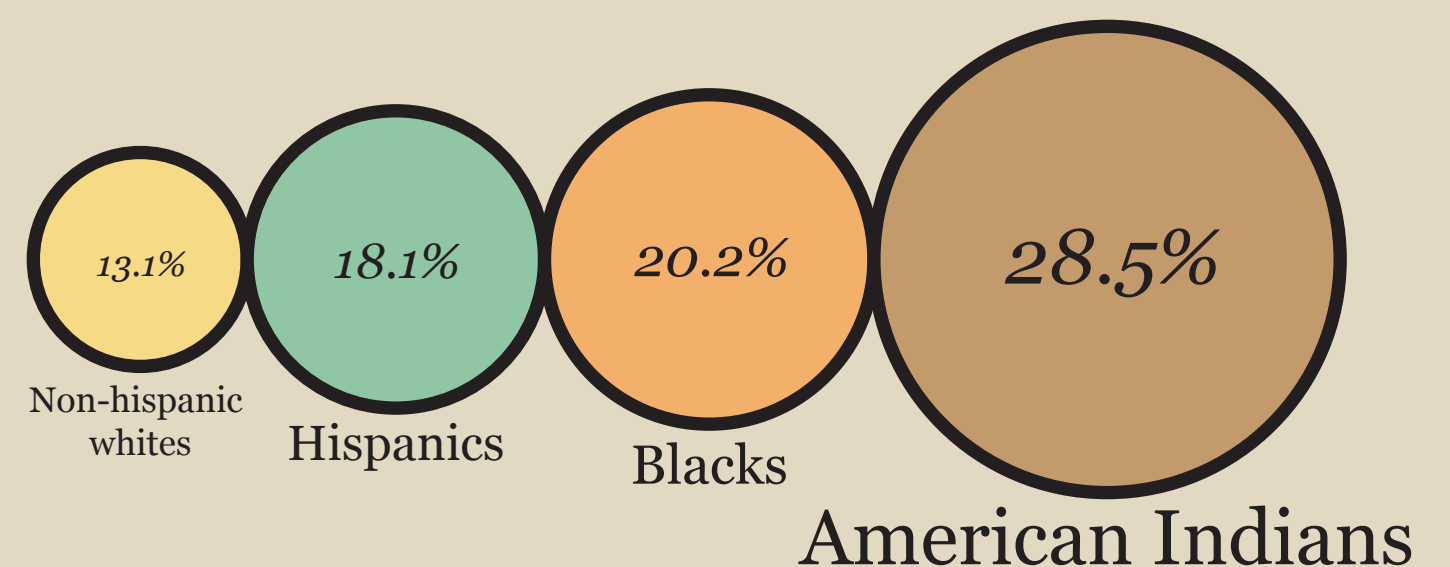
There are 4,145 animal waste pits in just 10.7 square miles of the N.C. countryside

That's 387 pits per square mile

en·vi·ron·men·tal rac·ism

“The placement of low-income or minority communities in the proximity of environmentally hazardous or degraded environments, such as toxic waste, pollution and urban decay”

N.C. residents less than 3 miles from a hog operation



environmental and health effects

Waste pits release atmospheric gases, such as greenhouse gases and ammonia, and pollutants, such as fecal bacteria and antibiotic residue, into the air.

Data shows a correlation between the air pollution and health issues, such as higher rates of nausea, increased high blood pressure and respiratory issues.

lawsuits

2015

Twenty-six lawsuits by more than 500 N.C. residents against Murphy Brown, the world's largest pork producer and a subsidiary of the Chinese meat-processing company Smithfield foods, are consolidated.

2018

A U.S. District judge awards 10 neighbors \$51 million in the first of three cases against Murphy Brown/Smithfield Foods. Due to a state law that limits punitive damages in cases like this, the judge reduces the award to almost \$3 million.

2018

In the second case against Murphy Brown/Smithfield foods, a N.C. jury awards a couple more than \$25 million. Due to the state law that limits punitive damages, the award is likely to be reduced to \$630,000.

2018

After just three hours of deliberation, a federal jury awards \$473.5 million to six neighbors in the third case against Murphy Brown/Smithfield Foods. Due to the state law that limits punitive damages, the award will be reduced to \$94 million.